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FUCK BARCODES

WELCOME TO ISSUE 3 OF OUR ZINE! THANX TO ANYONE WHO'S SUPPORTED OUR ZINE IN ANY WAY... THANX ALSO TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS ISSUSE. HELLO TO OUR FREINDS & FAMILY — LISA & BEN

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WRITE IF YOU FANCY IT... →

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OK. Here you have it! We invited you to write about the Punk Against str8 edge rant. We admit that it was a bit snotty & yes we did get up a few peoples noses. So heres the reactions we got from the three people who managed to sling some ink our way & have their say. Thanx.

Lisa,

the str8-edge rant is superb. I feel exactly the same. In Lost Angeles we had quite a few problems with the Sober Corps (as some of us call 'em), cuz they are so militant & even border line fascist, trying to push their views on others, even down to their dress code, what a sick joke. One time I tried to set up a benefit show, had four bands that were really wanting to play, but because of a couple of assholes with that 'Straight Edge or Die' attitude it all fell apart. We had it 90% set up & they say no alcohol will be allowed, & are going to get some kinda stormtroopers for sobriety knuckleheads to work the door, & (this is true, I swear) try to not just stop their fellow punx from bringing in booze, but try to stop people who've been drinking before from coming in, by sniffing everybody for the odour of alcohol! Can ya picture that! Punk & @ are about freedom, real freedom of the individual, & accepting each other as we are. We've lost lotsa good people to booze 'n' dope, but still, control over your body, which includes what you choose to ingest, be it meat or chemicals, is a basic human right, & tryin' to push your views as the only way is fascism, nothing less. Hey, if yer Straight Edge I'll drink to that (hee! hee!), but if yer tryin' to tell me how to live my own life, then FUCK YOU! Anyhow, I dig the rant. — Kevin

Dear Ben & Lisa,

.....I do think the straight edge article was a bit full on. It just generalised a bit too much. I mean I don't really care what clothes people wear or what hair styles people have. I thought punk wasn't about fashion. By the way I'm not straight edge but I can identify with some of my friends who are. Alcohol companies are pretty fucked therefore I homebrew. Also I don't know what its like where you live but in Sydney where I'm from & here in Adelaide there is no 'Fascist police force ramming shit down peoples throats'. Theres only about 5 straight edgers & they don't say anything much to people. But anyway don't take my comments to harshly I don't mean to be really full on or anything I just think you shouldn't generalise too much. Take care, Matt.

PS Heres some more Pist lyrics for ya

Your artificial fun suits you just fine
A beer a joint some ludes & coke & wash it down with wine
Look at yourself theres tombstones in your eyes
So when you're dead & gone don't act so surprised
Your idea of fun is not mine, don't waste your breath don't waste my time.
Your fucking drugs are not for me just want to live in reality.

To Ben & Lisa,

I think Phil (of Human Error) makes the good point that theres heaps more constructive things to do than pelt shit on str8-edgers. I want to quote to you a part of a Citizen Fish song called 'Dividing Lines'- "individual, personal choices, set examples but don't create laws. we are not all the same as each other, but the difference- there ain't much at all, so do what you like, but let me do the same and maybe we'll do it together one day"- I reckon it settles the argument about str8 edge Vs the rest of the punk scene. Do you think so? I hate the elitist & right wing attitudes that come from some people who call themselves 'straight edge', but to be judgemental & to assume these attitudes reflect 'str8 edgers' is bullshit and in itself elitist & snobby & besides it's all to easy to flick shit on str8 edgers. I used to talk shit about str8 edge, but when I think that the whole idea of setting personal standards & sticking to them is something that has shaped who I am today. Not all str8-edge has that macho, negative aspect to it, some str8-edge is just about staying true to your beliefs (Minor Threat for eg!).

Chris.

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CONFLICT

This interview was done on the recent tour from CONFLICT. I interviewed Colin on the Brisbane boat cruise. We saw them play the previous Friday night at the Melbourne Hotel which was a great evening. Loads of people turned out & it was a festive kind of night. The boat cruise saw BORN AGAIN ABORTIONS play & they were great. So was DREGS OF HUMANITY & the PSYCHOTIC LEMMINGS (or whatever?). CONFLICT played an entertaining set of old favourites & newer stuff which went down a treat. It was good to see they're not jaded after so many years & are very approachable people. Anyway.....

Firstly, hows the trip been so far?
Yeah, it's been really good, um, we've been here about three weeks now, we come into Melbourne and then went on to Sydney, its been an eye opener, we done it as a bit of an experiment really, just to see, one, if we wanted to continue playing anymore or if there were anything worth playing for, yeah we've enjoyed it a lot. Its been productive for us 'cos we're gonna go back & write some more stuff and then come back.
What about the problems you had in Melbourne? Do you want to say anything about that?
I met a bloke called Phil the other night at the concert, apparently he's gonna come tonight and we're gonna have a chat. Basically as I said to him, its all a bit petty to us, cos we've never approached people on our own side trying to light fires before, which is why we didn't get involved 'cos there's no way we're gonna do that, we've had trouble with National Front & stuff like that & we deal with that a different way. But I do understand peoples opinions & I kinda see where it comes from, but to us I don't really see that it matters what we do or don't do to a certain depth, know what I mean? I don't see that we're that important.
In the fifteen odd years that you've been around, do you think the anarcho punk scene is becoming more like a moral police force?
I think, on that question, it leads in from the last one really, that is exactly what some things like that can do. I mean I'm not putting a label on anyone, but when you start a list of rules, these people shouldn't do this, they shouldn't do that, then yeah, it becomes like that, theres no way it won't, you know, when you look up to people that are meant to stay the straight & narrow & settle down then you're just replacing something that's already there.
What's it like in Britain at the moment, the whole punk thing. Is it sort of healthy?
All the bigger bands are absolute crap, but that's my personal opinion, theres a lot of littler bands, you know, smaller bands, upcoming bands that are good & doing their own thing and stuff like that, but the big scene is rubbish, its all washed up, its got into a real indie dance thing.
Have you been involved in the rave scene or the travellers scene?
Not so much the travellers thing, we was involved with the rave thing when it first started, like years ago, in the warehouses, when it was just opening up warehouses & just having parties & stuff. I was involved with it then. We still do little bits & pieces with clubs & stuff, we're heavily involved with a club that does dance stuff, but its not a main interest really.

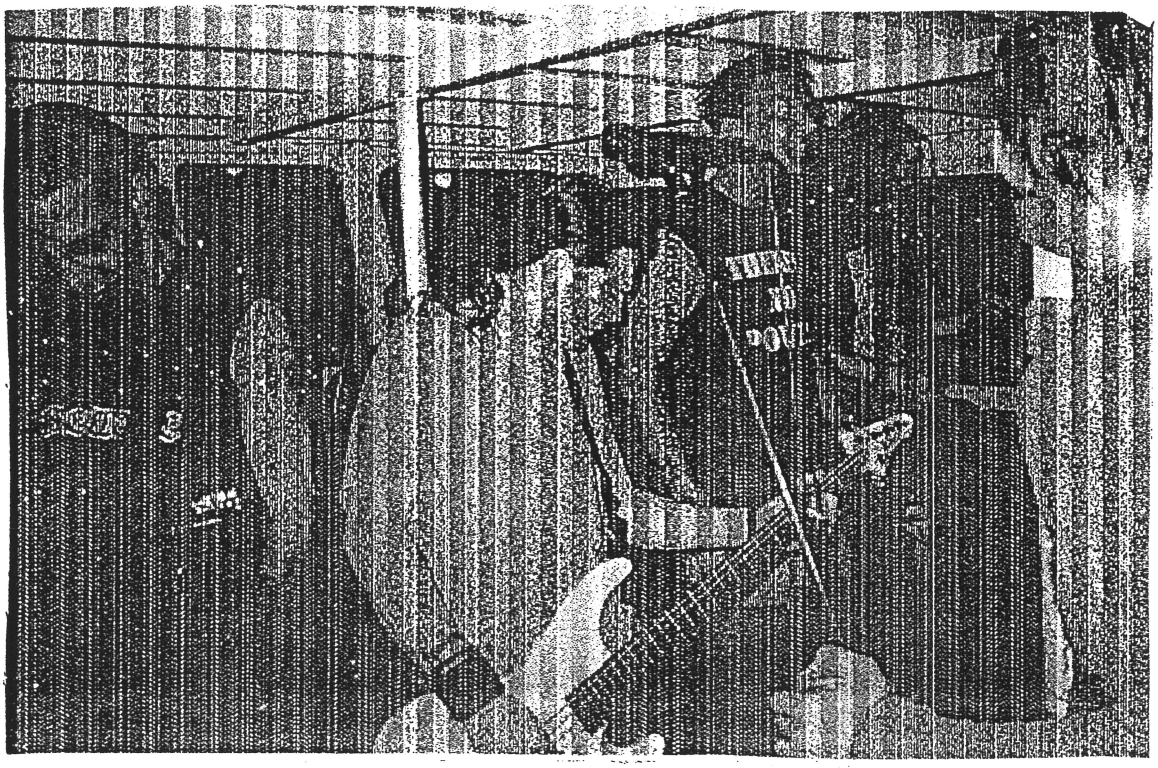
What's happening with the travellers scene, have lots of people left the country?
Yeah. Well a lots going on, the M25 people, trying to stop roads being built, stuff like that, theres a really big movement with those, they move from place to place & they boycott a lot of things, they're really good, really activist, they're burying themselves underground, to stop the tunnelling going on & that's really good. But that's a lot away from the music scene, more like activist people, not really into the groups anymore.
Do you participate in many political activities outside the band?
Not so much nowadays to be totally honest, no, 'cos its just got a little bit too, a few years ago, it just got a little bit too on top & it was bad for us. A lot of our friends got put away, ALF friends, for up to ten years at a time, it was best for us to just take a back seat & keep a clean sheet. It seems stupid, it was ridiculous. Everyone was getting banged up with ridiculous sentences for doing fuck all.
Is the ALF still having much of an impact?
Yeah, much more underground than it was. It's having a lot of impact, yeah.
What about problems with neo nazis & shit like that, do you still get a problem?
Nah, not anymore, its died out. They're there but they've crawled back under the stones.
So what sort of things do you get up to outside the band, do you work?
No. Its just normal living really. Its just day to day living. Paco & Marshall, they both do lots of bands, different bands together & stuff, I'm not personally involved with any other band. You know, they really enjoy doing that. I enjoy it, don't get me wrong. But to me, I couldn't go off & do a band for the sake of it. This is what I've done & thats it. End of the line really.
So do you reckon the whole things changed much since the band started out?
Yeah-challenge wise, yeah definitely. Early on challenges were good, it was exciting. The scene in 1981,1982 to say 1984 in England was just unbelievable, really good, but I think when that scene falls apart, it leads into other scenes in other countries to fall apart as well, which gets depressing obviously.
What about top 40 punk, which is getting popular now. Do you think thats relevant at all to the underground punk scene?
Its only personal, but not to me, no. No its not for me.
So how come Steve Ignorant didn't make it out?
Well, we was gonna suggest it, but he's in America at the moment anyway. But I was gonna suggest it to him, but then we sat down and thought, when we come back we'll do it then, 'cos I'm sure he'd love it.
So you're planning to come back in November, is that right?
Well-within the year, thats the best thing we can say.
Do you know what all the old CRASS folk are up to. Do you keep in touch with them?
They're all doing their own bit really. G's doing a lot of art work, collages like she's always has done. I don't know quite what the rest of them are doing. I think a couple moved out of communes, Steve's just been doing loads of weird stuff, from like puppet shows, then he's gone off & made other bands. He's touring America with a couple of DIRT at the moment, ex members of DIRT. He just seems to like keeping his hand in & doing things.

What about hassles with the police

Not really. We haven't done anything for a long time, we haven't played. The last show we did play, they stopped, so we're presuming they're going to be about. We arranged the 'Astoria(?)' concert & that was cancelled four days before. They was warned about their licencing & stuff like that. So we moved it to a warehouse up in the day. That was brilliant, really good success. Loads of people knew where it was. It worked better to be honest than just an average concert. Which is what we want really, to be honest. Its great to play big concerts, you can come across well but if you can go underground, you can pull one off over them, then that's far better I think.

So how come you never toured out here 10 or 15 years ago?

To be honest theres never been a proper offer, to us, its the other, well it is the other side of the world, but it didn't seem possible, its never seemed possible to us at all. I mean we've never been to Japan before but we've been offered to go to Japan now as well. Been to America, once. But we've never really been that far. We've only been to Europe & England. We went to America for a week, refused to go for more, in case we didn't like it. So its never been serious & then CITIZEN FISH come back, mentioned it to one of our friends & they said they'd had a really good time & enjoyed it. So we thought, yeah, okay. So we got in touch.



Do you reckon you'll at least break even on this tour?

No.

Gonna lose money?

Yeah.

A lot?

Don't know. How much we gonna lose? (to Sylvia).....about $2000

So ya glad you did it?

Yeah, of course 100% yeah. Its worth it just to see it, definitely.

What about the whole Class War thing in Europe?

I don't know about Europe. In London its pretty good, Ian done the Anarchy in the UK festival last year, he's been involved in the bookfairs & stuff like that, thats been going really well. They do their own little underground things, rather than just a paper. It ain't a bad scene, its just the band scene got a bit, you know, theres been so much of whats right & whats wrong. What bands are right & what bands are wrong that its ripped itself in half. Theres little pockets instead of being one thing theres little pockets everywhere.

What have you been doing in between gigs?
Sun bathing. Taking in some weather. We ain't got this.
Have you coped alright with the Queensland weather, its fucking hot up here?
Yeah I like it. I like it a lot. Got a bit up with it the other day, mosquito things, nah, its been fun as well, I mean its been good, its opened our eyes to a lot of people out here who've got a lot to do, a lot to say, at the same time its been really really good. Its been a good experience.
Tell us about the football in Britain. I hear you're a bit of a football fan?
Where are these questions coming from then?

What it is in Britain is theres only one football team which is MANCHESTER UNITED. They're in a division of their own, the rest are below them. They play in another division, they try to get in the Man United division, thats how it works.
Do you go to a lot of matches over there?
Quite a few but I don't get a lot of time, long way for me.
Is there still a lot of football violence?
No. Abroad, usually when they play in Europe.
Yeah-they just got attacked by police in Porto
Yeah, I was meant to go Wednesday, I don't think I'm gonna make it, they're playing in Borissa Dortmand(spelling?). I don't think I'm gonna make that.
Yeah. I've been a Man United fan for going on twenty years.
Oh-he can have what he likes! Thats it-him & me. Yeah I have for sixteen years.
(Pause)
Lets talk football.....
So what are you guys gonna do when you get back to the UK, Paul was saying you might do a new album
I'd say we're gonna release a 7" before that. Thats the objective next is to get a new album going. Get some new stuff out, its been a long time since we did, like, pure laziness & not being inspired to do anything to be honest.
Have you got an opinion on the drug laws?
On drug laws? Basically I think drugs are okay if you're strong enough to use them & not let them use you. You know what I mean? If you're strong enough minded to get your head around that & you use them & they don't take over you. However, saying that then it can creep up on some people who think they're using well but, not being into any so called social law, you can't say I really agree with the drug law really.
So are you a vegan or vegetarian?
Vegetarian.
Sylvia: The only way to be.
So what did you think of the Melbourne hotel gig?
Really good. The tiny stage, yeah brilliant, enjoyed it.

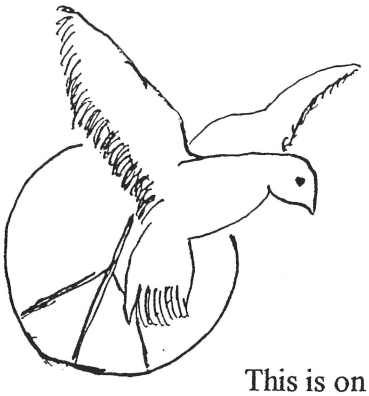
Whats the highlight of your tour?
Sydney boat cruise & Ironduke. Manning Bar? I enjoyed that Manning bar, that was an enjoyable one.

Was there any bands you particularly enjoyed?
One Inch Punch, Blowhards nice, its different music to what I'm used to.
Kerry: Mutiny. Good band. Very good band.

Did you get down to Barricade or Black Rose?
We spoke to the people from Barricade. They had bookstalls at some gigs.
What about that flyer that was kicking around. What did you think of that.
Sylvia: That load of bullshit.
Colin: Much the same what we've heard before to be honest. Just lost the point. I mean there was so much crap in it, you know, about this that & the other. What I'd really like to do is produce our tour accounts afterwards & then they can make up their mind why we came. We definitely didn't come here to make a load of money. Don't get me wrong, its great to come & see it, privilege to come & see, its beautiful. But if we wanted to make money we'd tour around Europe or something like that.
Well what do you think of making money off it anyway, why should that be a problem?
Thats right to a certain degree. Some bands do take the piss out of it. You've gotta live, don't get me wrong, I'm a realist, you've got to eat, you know, you've got to get by. A lot of our own moneys gone into it, a lot of Sylvia's moneys gone into it. Its realistic-you take seven people, you've got all the airfares, the visas, you've gotta eat everyday.....

Well, there you have it. Thanks Colin for the interview & for Sylvia for bringing Conflict out. I enjoyed it. As a footnote. The end of the boatcruise was interesting- there was twenty or thirty bastards in blue waiting for the boat to dock. Me & my friend Kate got off (few people did) & Kate demanded to know just what the fuck was going on. This led to threats of arrest & a group of old bull cops hassling us, one of whom was smacking his fist in his palm saying 'come over here, we'll take care of you'. So we got back on the boat. What surprised me the most was many peoples blase attitude, like this is normal, even acceptable. To those of us who didn't grow up in Brisbane & haven't been here that long its fucking outrageous, s'pose we have to get used to living in a police state. But the whole Qld attitude is a big culture shock, the political system, the cops & the general attitudes of the public-conservatism & rednekkk hicks. Lately the pigs just seem so out of control & unaccountable. Beating Aborigines, smashing up Market Day, hassling punks & others. A new law was just passed in Qld which prohibits everything to do with marijuana, including literature etc etc. Perhaps this is part of the problem? How far are we from censorship of a much more sinister style? Who cares? HiHo.

MURDER FOR PROFIT - PROFIT FROM DEATH...



This is on the subject of vegetarianism & veganism. It will also deal with other associated topics to do with animal liberation including rights, ecology, vivisection, ethics & health issues.

Perhaps the best place to start is the health benefits to be gained by living on a meatless or vegan diet. The meat & dairy industries are among the most powerful corporate bodies in our society. So, is meat good for you? It is a medically proven fact that vegetarians have lower rates of obesity, coronary heart disease, high blood pressure, large bowel disorders & cancer & gallstones.

Other research has added to this list osteoporosis, kidney stones, diabetes, gout, arthritis, appendicitis, angina, haemorrhoids, varicose veins & diverticular disease. Vegans enjoy the same benefits- some to a greater degree. Animal farmers routinely inject doses of anti-biotics into the animals, in addition to growth promoting hormone drugs & pesticide residues in their food, these build up in animal tissues & can further damage the health of people on a meat based diet.

NUTRITION One of the problems with animal proteins is that they usually come with saturated fats- a major risk in heart disease. Animal proteins are also highly concentrated & most meat eaters take in more protein than their body can cope with. This can lead to conditions like gout, arthritis, rheumatism & deficiencies in niacin, vitamin B6, calcium, magnesium & other minerals. A high protein diet also puts enormous pressure on the pancreas- an organ that not only produces enzymes for the digestion of proteins but also for fighting cancer. Plant protein is associated with dietary fibre, which is one of the most important parts of a healthy diet. Most vegetables contain useful amounts of protein, in particular nuts, pulses, grains, seeds, green leafy vegetables & potatoes.

IRON The average vegan diet not only supplies twice the minimum requirements of iron but also up to three times the daily requirement of vitamin C, which enhances absorption of iron in the body. The incidence of anaemia in vegetarians & meat eaters is roughly the same. Rich plant sources include dried fruits, whole grains, nuts, green leafy vegetables, seeds, pulses, molasses & seaweeds.

CALCIUM There have been no reports of calcium deficiency in vegans. Animal protein causes the body to excrete calcium more quickly than plant protein which may be why vegans & vegetarians are at less risk of osteoporosis. Rich sources include tofu (more than four times the calcium than cow milk), green leafy vegetables, dried fruit, nuts, seeds etc.

And on it goes.

WHAT ABOUT DAIRY? Human beings are the only species on earth who consume the milk of another species. It has been estimated that two thirds of the worlds population cannot even digest it. Some estimates say that 90% of the worlds adult population is deficient in the enzyme lactase, necessary for the digestion of lactose (milk sugar). This natural deficiency is harmless- unless you drink milk in which case you can suffer symptoms such as chronic or occasional diarrhoea, bloating, flatulence, abdominal pain & possibly, in older women, osteoporosis. Intolerance to milk is the commonest of food allergies, symptoms include- asthma, eczema, chronic nasal & sinus problems, depression, hyper-activity, tonsillitis, migraines & some forms of arthritis. But what about the cows themselves? Many calves are slaughtered at a few days old & processed into pet food, pies & rennet for cheese making. Some females go on to become dairy herd replacements & others are reared for beef production. Many calves are slaughtered for the veal market. Dairy cows are separated from their calves after 1-3 days, causing distress for them both. She is then forced to produce ten times the amount of milk her calf would have taken. Dairy cows are spent & exhausted after five years & consequently slaughtered. During this time she will experience many problems associated with intensive farming including mastitis & break down of body tissue from over milking, often leading to lameness.

VEGETARIAN	FLESH-EATER	HUMAN
Hands / hoofs as appendages	Claws as appendages	Hands as appendages
Teeth flat	Teeth sharp	Teeth flat
Long intestines to digest nutrients in plant foods fully	Short intestines; rapidly excrete putrefying flesh	Long intestines to digest nutrients in plant foods fully; flesh foods cause constipation
Sweats to cool body	Pants to cool body	Sweats to cool body
Sips water	Laps water	Sips water
Vitamin C obtained solely from diet	Vitamin C manufactured internally	Vitamin C obtained solely from diet
Exists largely on a fruit and nut diet	Consumes flesh exclusively	Diet depends on environment; highly adaptable
Grasping hands capable of using tools or weapons	No manual dexterity	Grasping hands capable of using tools or weapons
Inoffensive excrement	Putrid excrement	Offensiveness of excrement depends on diet
Snack feeder	Large meals infrequently taken	Combines worst of both worlds
Predominantly sweet-toothed	Preference for salty / fatty food	Likes both sweet and salty / fatty food
Likes to savour food, experiment with variety, combine flavours	Bolts food down	Likes to savour food, experiment with variety, combine flavours
Large brains, able to rationalise	Small brains, less capable of adaptive behaviour	Large brains, able to rationalise (at least in laboratory studies)

EGGS All the nutrients obtained from eggs are easily obtained on a vegan diet, without the cruelty of egg production. Most eggs come from battery farms. Hens are kept in tiny cages, without room to even spread their wings- they will never perch, ground scratch, dust bathe or nest. Most go psychotic. Most males that are hatched are killed immediately because theres no use for them. This includes off-spring on free range farms where hens are also slaughtered after two years- because their productivity declines (normal lifespan 5-7 years)

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS The beef industry has caused, perhaps, the greatest damage to the worlds environment. Grazing by cattle leaches the land of nutrients, leaving vast areas barren. The beef industry also invest in large tracts of land in poor countries, particularly Central & South America, the beef industry is one of the primary reasons for the continuing decline of the Amazon rainforests. Out of 40 of the worlds poorest countries 36 export food to the USA, the wealthiest.

16 kilograms of grain that humans could eat directly is used to produce 1 kilogram of meat. In addition methane gas emitted by cattle is a primary source of green house gas emissions & the levels are rising.

The cattle industry is directly responsible for vast land degradation, loss of bio- diversity, land clearing, soil erosion, monocultures & pollution of ground water.

GROUP	PROVIDES	EXAMPLES	QUANTITY
Whole grains and potatoes	Energy, protein, oils, vitamins, fibre	Brown rice, corn, millet, barley, bulghur, buckwheat, oats, muesli, bread, pasta, flour, etc.	2–4 servings daily
Legumes	Protein, oils	Green peas, lentils, chickpeas, kidney beans, baked beans, soy products (milk, tofu, tempeh, Textured Vegetable Protein, etc.)	1–2 servings daily
Green and yellow vegetables	Vitamins, minerals, protein	Broccoli, Brussel sprouts, spinach, cabbage, carrots, marrow, sweet potatoes, pumpkins, parsnips, etc.	1–3 servings daily
Nuts and seeds	Protein, oils, calcium, trace minerals	Almonds, pumpkin seeds, walnuts, peanuts, sesame seeds, nut butters, tahini, sunflower seeds, etc.	1–3 servings daily
Fruit	Energy, vitamins, minerals	All kinds	3–6 pieces daily
Vitamin and mineral foods	Trace minerals and vitamin B_{12}	(a) Sea vegetables (b) B_{12} fortified foods, such as soy milk, TVP, breakfast cereals, soy 'meat' products	1 serving of (a) and (b) 3 times a week

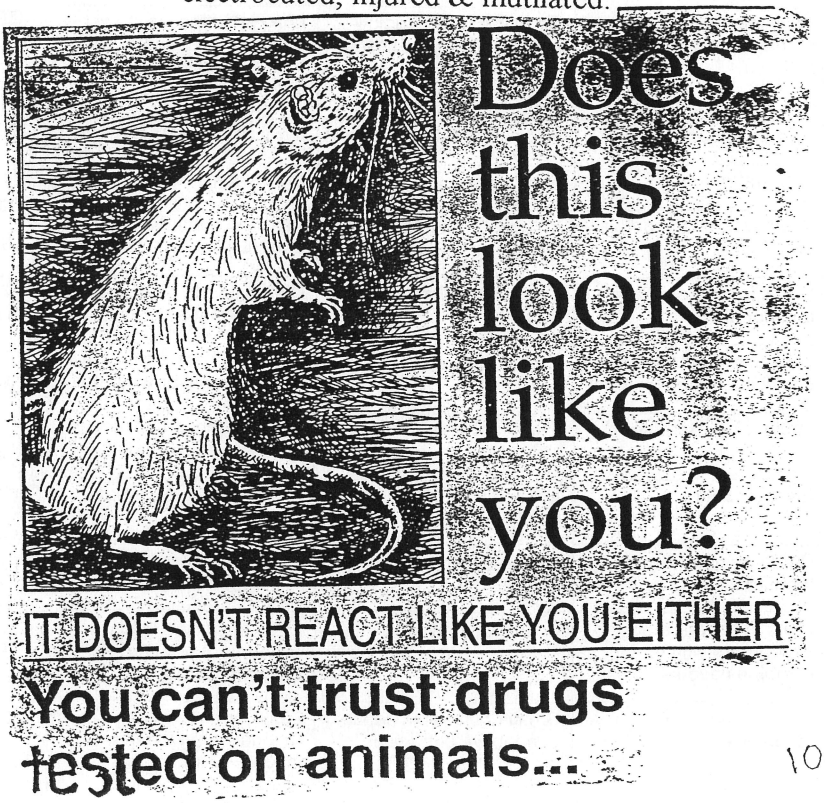
The following drugs were all passed safe in animal experiments, with tragic consequences for humans:
Eraldin – caused blindness, stomach troubles, joint pains and growths.
Opren – 3,500 people suffered serious side effects including damage to skin, eyes, circulation, liver and kidneys. 70 died.
Flosint – caused 7 deaths.
Osmosin – 650 people had side-effects. 20 died.
Chloramphenicol – caused fatal blood disorders.
Thalidomide – caused about 10,000 birth defects worldwide.
Clioquinol – caused 30,000 cases of blindness and/or paralysis and thousands of deaths.

Conversely, many drugs which are beneficial to humans are dangerous or even fatal to animals:
Penicillin – antibiotic in humans but kills guinea pigs.
Digitalis – a heart drug for humans but causes high blood pressure in dogs.

Chloroform – anaesthetic in humans but poisonous to dogs.
Morphine – calms humans and rats but causes manic excitement in cats and mice.
Aspirin – causes birth defects in rats, mice, monkeys, guinea pigs, cats and dogs, but not in humans.

Many experiments have been repeated over & over again & have more to do with funding & prestige than anything else. Laboratory animals are given our most agonizing, crippling & fatal diseases, they are deliberately caused psychological stress in behavioural experiments, they are burned, scolded, electrocuted, injured & mutilated.

VIVISECTION Humans & other animals are physiologically different so vivisection can be misleading because one animals reaction to a disease, drug or procedure can be radically different to anothers. 100 years of animal experiments have failed to provide any major breakthroughs in the treatment of cancers & heart disease- our two biggest killers, though both largely preventible. Vaccinations developed through animal experiments have shown to have had no effect on the incidence of diphtheria, smallpox, polio, TB, whooping cough & tetanus. At the time vaccination began, these diseases were already on the decline due to improvements in water sanitation, hygiene & nutrition. Despite vaccination they continued to decline at the same rate.



OTHER POINTS There are many issues which haven't been covered here. In particular zoos, circuses, horse racing, fishing, hunting etc etc. But what about the wider implications? The idea of human domination & seeing everything in our world in $$$ terms. For me it also relates to the whole hierarchical structure of the world. That it's okay to exploit the third world, the workers, women- & animals (to name a few). This jaundiced view has led to the world being in the state it is now in. Many species & eco-systems are on the brink extinction or collapse. It may seem that societies could face similar collapse but the quest for more money, more money & more money is dangerously concentrating power in the hands of a few- at the expense of us all. If the world has any chance of healing itself we must first face

WHAT ARE HOT DOGS MADE FROM

Fish
Chicken feet
Chicken carcasses
Chicken heads
Lungs & trachea
Udder
Fresh blood
Wheat flour
Salt
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Water
Phosphate
Carageenan

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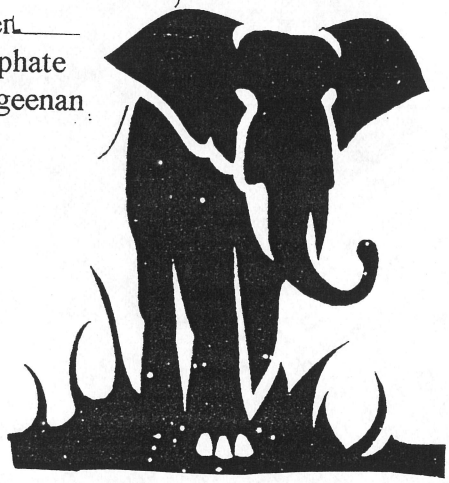

MEAT - your tastebuds... their LIVES

these & many other fundamental questions- it's conceivable that if ever there is a chance for human freedom we must also respect & demand animal equality & liberation. Perhaps choices we make can & do have a consequence- it's up to people to decide wether they want to live in competition (capitalism) or on the ideals of peace & compassion.

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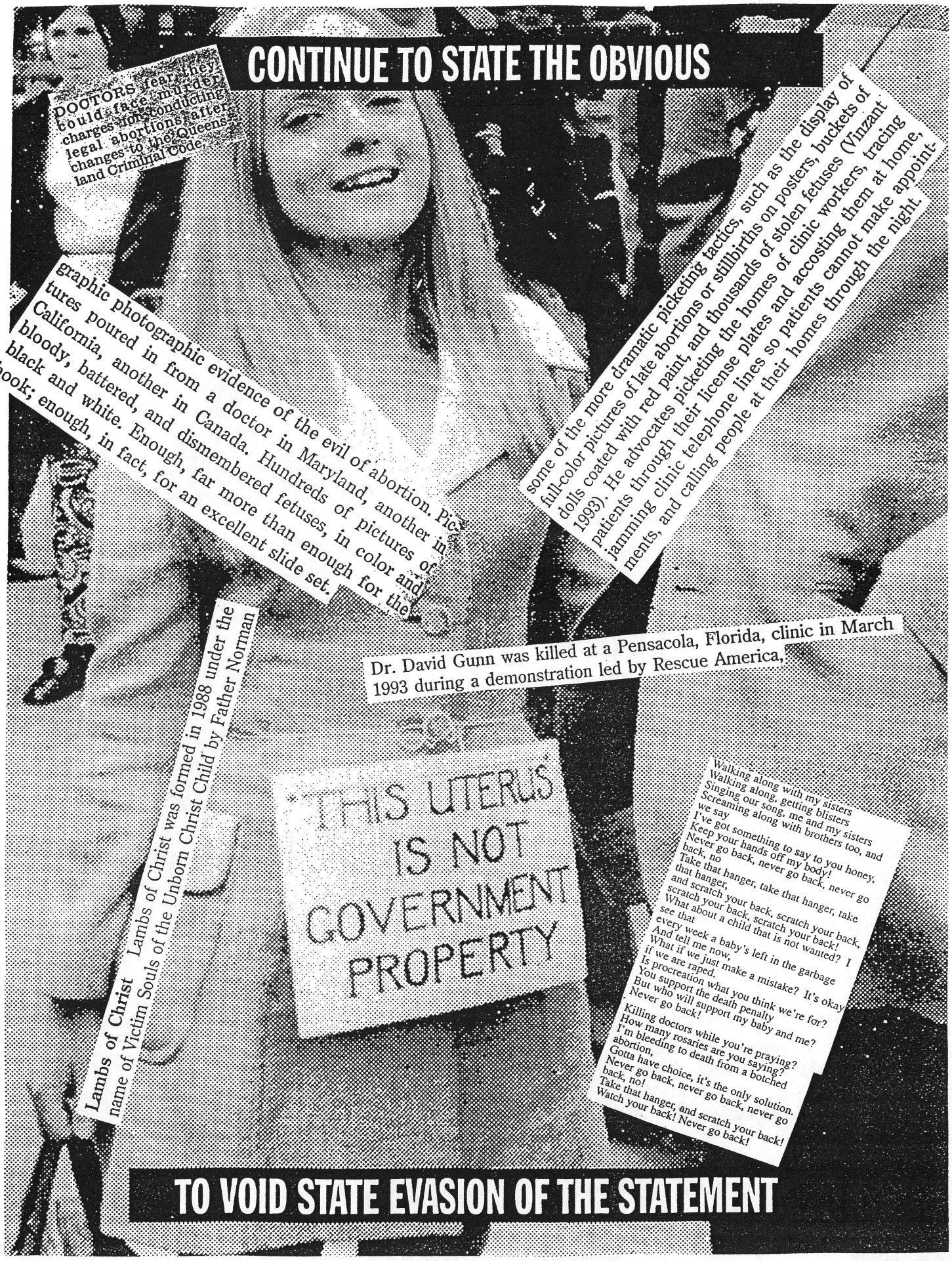

CONTINUE TO STATE THE OBVIOUS
DOCTORS fear they could face murder charges for conducting legal abortions after changes to the Queensland Criminal Code.
graphic photographic evidence of the evil of abortion. Pictures poured in from a doctor in Maryland, another in California, another in Canada. Hundreds of pictures of bloody, battered, and dismembered fetuses, in color and black and white. Enough, in fact, for an excellent slide set.
some of the more dramatic picketing tactics, such as the display of full-color pictures of late abortions or stillbirths on posters, buckets of dolls coated with red paint, and thousands of stolen fetuses (Vinzant 1993). He advocates picketing the homes of clinic workers, tracing patients through their license plates and accosting them at home, jamming clinic telephone lines so patients cannot make appointments, and calling people at their homes through the night.
Dr. David Gunn was killed at a Pensacola, Florida, clinic in March 1993 during a demonstration led by Rescue America,
Lambs of Christ Lambs of Christ was formed in 1988 under the name of Victim Souls of the Unborn Christ Child by Father Norman
"THIS UTERUS IS NOT GOVERNMENT PROPERTY"
Walking along with my sisters
Walking along, getting blisters
Singing our song, me and my sisters
Screaming along with brothers too, and we say
I've got something to say to you honey,
Keep your hands off my body!
Never go back, never go back, never go back, no
Take that hanger, take that hanger, take that hanger,
and scratch your back, scratch your back,
scratch your back, scratch your back!
What about a child that is not wanted? I see that
every week a baby's left in the garbage
And tell me now,
What if we just make a mistake? It's okay if we are raped.
Is procreation what you think we're for?
You support the death penalty
But who will support my baby and me?
Never go back!
Killing doctors while you're praying?
How many rosaries are you saying?
I'm bleeding to death from a botched abortion,
Gotta have choice, it's the only solution.
Never go back, never go back, never go back, no!
Take that hanger, and scratch your back!
Watch your back! Never go back!
TO VOID STATE EVASION OF THE STATEMENT

SMOKEN STIX

As I start writing this I'm listening to N-Trance & Ricardo Da Force do a version of that old B-Gee's song "Stayin' alive". It's like a hip-hop/dance version type of thing but still with that old disco feel. Yeah,tacky I know. Still, I like it, and I hope it doesn't put you off reading this. After all, you don't have to like everything I do or agree with everything I say.
Just thought I'd write that.
So, anyway...

This is a big world we live in and there are a lot of injustices in it. A lot of wrongs are perpetrated. The environment, animals and people are suffering. I would like to change the world to a better place, but I can't do it on my own. So as I strive for revolution I have to realise that everyone is different, that not everyone thinks the same way as me.

Hey, by the way, what do you think of that word REVOLUTION ?

However, maybe a lot of us have a common thread in resisting this New World Order.
New World Fascism, anyone?
Or do I stick rigidly to my personal ideologies and not talk to anyone who is different to me, and just ignore the real world and its' complex shades of grey.
Gonna side track here.
The New World Order, as ex-U.S. president George called it, is here. Right now!!
It's not some future nightmare waiting to happen. It's here. Right now !! Get used to it.
Don't get used to it. FUCK IT!!!
Funny thing is, I never realised the Old World Order went away. I figure the New World Order is the Old World Order with a bit more technology. Basically, a few rich dildo's are ruling this planet for their profit, at the expense of us! What are we going to do about it? Fight it or keep fighting each other.
Do you really care that you're being fucked over?!

O.k. If there is a world order run by an elite then, I guess, we have to have a world wide revolution to get rid of it.
But wait! What is this revolution gig that so many people go on about. There are so many different ideas about revolution. I guess yours will be different to mine. I'll leave you to work out the revolution thing. Let me know if you have any good ideas.
All over this planet people are fighting some form of revolution. Big or small it can mean whatever you want it to mean. Let different revolutionaries do their own thing. If they are fighting this world order then good on 'em. I wont impose my beliefs on them and I wont let them impose their beliefs on me. I figure if someone is trying to force their morals on me then they must be as bad as the system I'm kicking out against.
Which brings me to the crux of the matter.
UNITY... or lack of it.
Is there much unity between revolutionary groups or people where you are? Do people accept each other for what they are?
ACCEPTANCE... or lack of it, is another important thing to take into consideration.
It seems very common these days for different groups to be very insular. Hm, groups, cliques, houses, people, scenes' movements, or whatever you want to call them. You get the idea I take it. Yes? Good. By the way I probably do some of the things I complain about, but, hey, it's fun.

REVOLUTION SHOULD BE FUN.

After all, if there's no fun involved what's the point? Someone will probably have a serious answer for that statement. Maybe they can tell me what it is.

Everyone seems to be bitching about or arguing with everyone else these days. Maybe everyone is a slight exaggeration, but it does seem popular to slag off other people, movements, bands, events, etc etc these days. Why? What's the point? While we keep fighting each other nothing is ever going to really change. Why can't we start looking at the positive things in each other rather than always picking on the negative. Yeah, o.k, there will always be differences between people. Some which can be worked out and some which can't, but should we let these differences destroy revolutionary movements. Maybe movements should be built on friendships rather than ideologies. At least friends should be able to argue and have different opinions but still pull together in the face of adversity. Movements which are built on ideology don't seem to have the same stability because people are so caught up in trying to fit in, which is crap 'cos this leads to resentment, and nothing long lasting is ever achieved. Which leads me onto a little bit of text by Abbie Hoffman, who was an activist going back to the sixties through to the late eighties.

" We should stop demanding that we all become instant saints and be more tolerant of our comrades, especially if they are active. The cultism of the left often appears as three people, two of whom plot to kick the third out. It's always because of another *ism. Sexism, racism, elitism, deviationalism.* I'd rather see people kicked out because they don't follow through on their commitment. Let me be concrete: If an event should have 500 people or raise $500 who in the left gets upset if it's not a success. But deviate from the manners and vocabulary of the party line and out you go! That's sick to me and self-defeating. "

That was written in 1985 and I think we are still sick and self-defeating.

So what if someone is or isn't an anarchist!
So what if someone eats something you don't like!
So what if someone isn't working class!
So what if someone takes a drug you don't like!
So what if someone has different clothes or hairstyle!
So what if... oh fuck it.
I could go on and on and on. What the fuck has it got to do with you what someone else is into. Get over your own hang ups before you pick on others. There are too many people these days who want to be control freaks, want to big name themselves, want everyone to have the same ideology as them. In fact the revolutionary movement these days seems to be full of egotists, hypocrites and fascists, and I don't mean right-wing fascists. Think about it!
So, if a meat eating, alcoholic, Ice-T listening, smack tacking junkie wants to smash the system then good luck to them. I'd hang out with 'em and have a laugh, and if you don't like that then tough shit kiddo!! It's about time the revolutionary movement stopped acting like the fundamentalist Christian right.
DEAL WITH IT !!
Let's have some fun and get this revolution happening. Lighten up a bit and get on with it. Start thinking about unity and acceptance. Stop playing head games and start treating people how you'd like to be treated. Don't put conditions on friendships because no one is perfect and everyone fucks up. The in-fighting has

got to stop and the real revolution has got to start. Let's stop hurting each other and start hurting the state.
If you think all this shit is a new thing then think again. It's been going on since it all started.

MAYBE IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE.
STOP CRITICISING OTHERS AND TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT YOURSELF.

Well that just about wraps up this article, but I'll leave you with one more Abbie quote which kinda sums up what I've been trying to say.

" They risked not just their careers, marriage plans and ostracism from their family, but their lives. They faced mobs with chains and brass knuckles, the clubs of the police, the dirty tricks and infiltrations of the FBI, the CIA, Army intelligence, Navy intelligence, and local red squads all around the country. They had pressure put on their families. They were prepared for all this from the moment they decided to go against the grain and take on the powers that be. They were not prepared for the infighting. They were not prepared for a movement that devours itself. This has got to cease. "

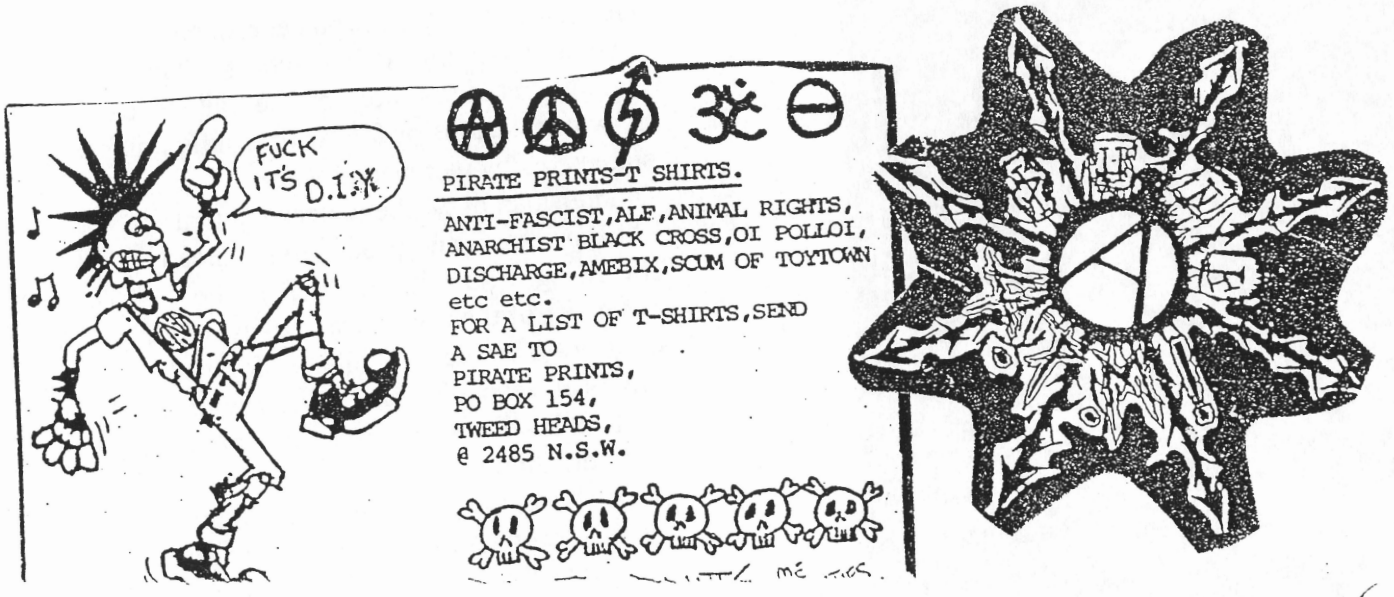
The rest is up to you now!!

Oh yeah, when I was writing this I also listened to the Pogues, Black Uhuru, Coolio, Shaggy, Zig & Zag, Love & Rockets, the Undertones and the Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy.
I was also smoken stix. SO GET HIGH !!
Do you really have a problem with any of this?

LOVE & REVOLUTION...

SMOKEN JON ☺☠💣

RELIGION IS THE OPIUM OF THE MASSES... someone once said...
BUT T.V. IS THE SUGAR... I just said...



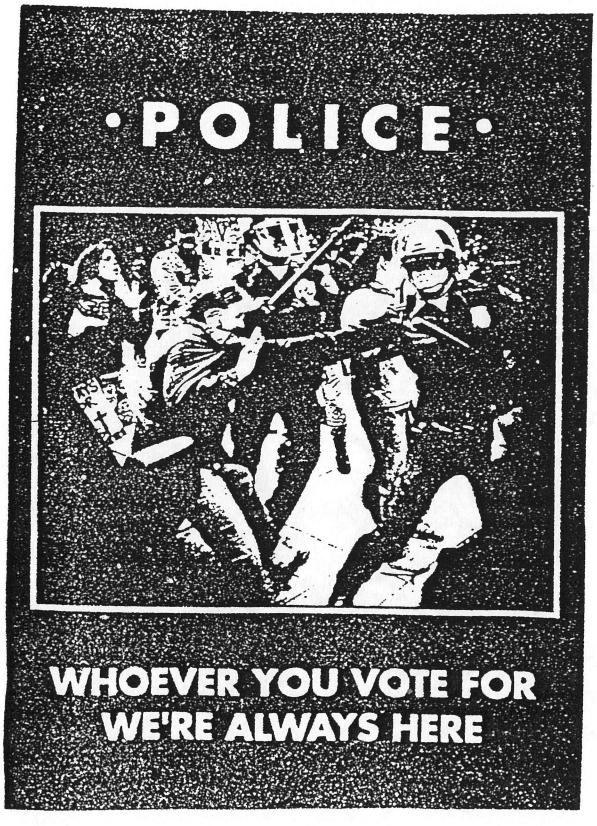
coalition against police violence

HOW LONG HAS THE COALITION AGAINST POLICE VIOLENCE BEEN RUNNING ?

The CAPV has been running for about six years, although the Brisbane chapter has only been going for three years. (Qld has a reputation for being a bit behind the times, doesn't it)

WHAT PROMPTED YOU TO FORM THE COLLECTIVE?

The collective was formed in 1991, following the AIDEX arms fair in Canberra, where many protesters were brutally beaten by the police for peacefully demonstrating against the event. The protest caused disruption to arms dealing (read loss of $$$) and faced the full brunt of the system as a result.

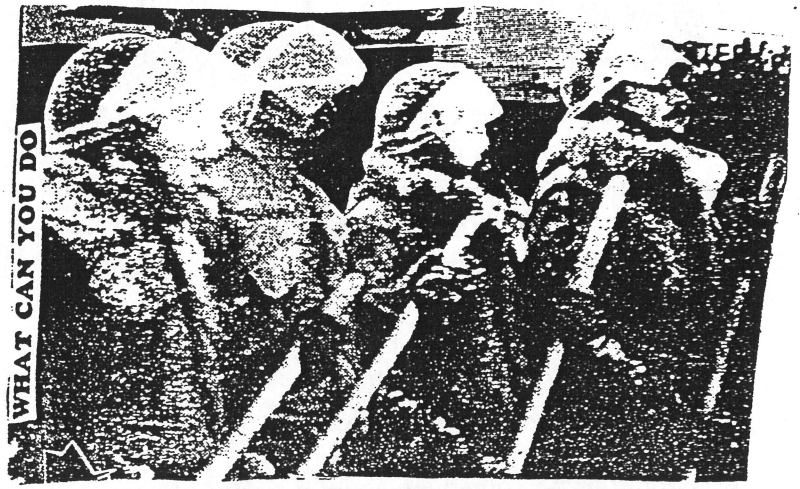


Despite the fact that the incidents of police violence was recorded on video, and 169 people made complaints regarding their treatment at the hands of police, no officer was ever charged. Not surprising really, when you consider that the complaints were investigated by the Internal Investigation Division of the Australian Federal Police; as if they are going to hand down an adverse finding against their mates. The reports from the AFP were referred to the Commonwealth Ombudsman, who in turn made a report to Parliament. Although this report was meant to be made public, for some reason it was placed under embargo until the 28th of September, 1993.

The report (when we finally got hold of it) stated that in a number of cases, police conduct was 'unacceptable' and 'inexcusable' and the 'potential to cause serious injury'. The Ombudsman further found that investigators from the IID (Internal Investigation Division) 'resorted to the use of pejorative language and demonstrated a lack of objectivity', and 'appeared to be reluctant to take a rigorous approach when interviewing AFP members'. This was illustrated at times , by the 'failure to draw conclusions or follow up conflicting statements by members.' The Ombudsman drew the conclusion that 'AFP practices and procedures.....need reviewing.' (no shit, Sherlock!) The basic gist of the report was; 'okay, some cops got a bit violent, failed to follow orders & generally acted like a bunch of football hooligans, but what do you want us to do about it?'

In Brisbane, we got together in August 1993, prompted by the case of a woman in Melbourne, who after being arrested for spray-painting anti-police violence

slogans on a police station, notorious for rougher than necessary handling of arrestees, was repeatedly beaten and raped by police, resulting in hospitalisation. The hospital, after treating her, chose to deliver her back into the hands of the same police station, knowing full well this was where she had sustained her injuries. This was basically the kick in the arse we needed to form a Brisbane chapter, as we are all very aware of the problem of police violence across the country and around the world, and we knew there was no independent agency for victims to turn to. (a victim of police torture appealed to the Attorney-General under the Crimes (torture) Act 1988, and received a reply stating Australia was exempt from the act.)



PERTH motorist has been onvicted of assaulting a police fficer — by chewing garlic and hen breathing on him.

COULD YOU TELL US WHAT YOU DO/ORGANISE/ INVOLVED ETC?

The CAPV produces a sporadic newsletter, educating the public on incidences of police abuse of their authority and organise rallies focusing on these issues. We offer support to victims of police violence and their friends and families, and file complaints on their behalf or assist them in making complaints themselves. We can also arrange legal advice &/or representation if required. The CAPV is active in gathering surveys on strip-searching and urine testing in custody for culmination in a national report; and continue to gather info and surveys on police abuse. These surveys form part of a national report, put together by the Federation of Community Legal Centres in Victoria and forwarded to the Human Rights Commission in Geneva.

Members of CAPV attend inquiries regarding the police force, liaise with other groups involved in social justice and speak at conferences. Members have spoken in the Senate, addressing the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, and one of our members even gate-crashed the ALP national conference in 1994, dominating the microphone for several minutes and speaking to the audience about police torture of people in custody, before thanking everyone for their time and leaving. No-one realised until it was too late that our member was not one of the delegates, and the entire speech was translated simultaneously into sign language and duly transcribed into the conference record. The CAPV has also debated Gary Wilkinson, president of the Qld. Police Union, on ABC radio. Here we also use the term 'debate' loosely, as Gazza did not contribute much to the discussion other than to mutter repeatedly that the CAPV was a 'group of malcontents who have gotten on the wrong side of the law...and probably have criminal records'. He refused to acknowledge that any incidents of police violence occur (so presumably he's unaware of complaints handled by the Police Misconduct Division or the CJC; doesn't read the internal memos or even

Anger at police control tactics

Ugly history haunts Triple-Z, police

FOR long-time followers of alternative radio station 4ZZZ, last week-end's confrontation between police and concert-goers seemed all too familiar. Same setting, same players — just a different decade.

the newspapers, when on the odd occasion a charge of police assault slips through the net of secrecy), and in fact was quite disgusted that the suggestion had been made, let alone broadcast. It's all a bit disheartening for those cops who are straight-down-the-line (surely-there must be a few of them?) who are getting their reputations tainted by thugs. We'd be looking for a new Union Rep. who was going to do something about it.
In order to raise money for a new bail fund, we have printed T-shirts, arranged film evenings and put on benefit gigs. The bail fund was set up to help those who did not have the finances to pay their own bail and with the theory of 'prevention is better than cure' in mind. Keeping this fund going is problematic in that venues for benefit gigs etc are very hard to come by, eg, we had a venue cancel on us one week before the event due to pressure from police.
Last year the CAPV released a video called 'stripsearch', put together by a member in the NT chapter; and we joined forces with Justice Action in NSW as part of a Federation of Activist Groups. We are joining with them in contributing to the Files on Police by the Alternative

Bureau of Criminal Intelligence. (the police have files on us, so why not the other way round?) Most recently, the CAPV made submissions to the Australian Law Reform Commission regarding Federal Police powers.

DOES THE COLLECTIVE ALSO SERVE AS A SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE BEHIND BARS?

Although the CAPV doesn't specifically work with prisoners as such, we are in contact with other groups who do, and attend actions organised by prison reform groups (most recently, members attended the Wring Out Fairlea Day of Action at the womens' prison in Victoria). We also have members who visit police stations, and some who are involved with the Anarchist Black Cross (support for political and class struggle prisoners). A couple of CAPV folks host the Prisoners' Program on community radio 4ZZZ (Tuesday 6-8pm) and a similar program called 'Doing Time' on Melbourne community radio 3CR (Monday 6-6.30pm). The two issues are very closely inter-linked, with the police, courts and prison systems feeding each others fires.

HOW IMPORTANT IS COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THOSE ON THE INSIDE (ESP THOSE INCARCERATED FOR POLITICALLY MOTIVATED REASONS) AND US ON THE OUTSIDE?

This type of communication is paramount to making serious changes to the prison

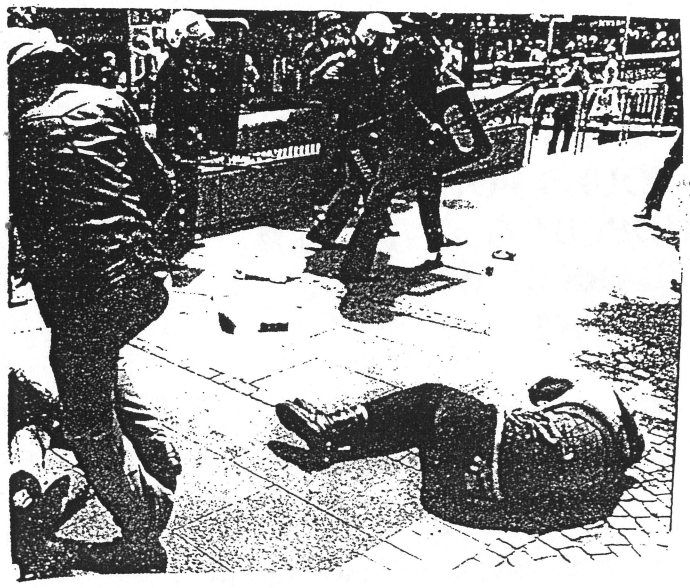
system. there are so many myths and misconceptions about people who have been incarcerated, because those on the inside aren't in a position to speak out and they get little respect from the mainstream media. It's basically up to the rest of us to learn from prisoners and educate others on the reality and injustices of prison life. Of equal importance is visits and letters from supporters; this makes life just that little bit more bearable for those on the inside, and provides a life-line to the outside world. The prison system is well aware of this fact, and this is why withholding of mail is a common form of punishment and control.

City ablaze after police shooting sparks riot

Police patrols only answer

POLICE VIOLENCE IS NOT JUST A PHYSICAL VIOLENCE, IT'S A GENERAL ABUSE OF THE AUTHORITY GIVEN TO THEM - BY THE STATE. DOES IT SCARE YOU THAT POLICE HAVE THE POWER AND PROTECTION TO DO WHATEVER THEY LIKE TO WHOEVER THEY CHOOSE AND GET AWAY WITH IT WITH EITHER VERY LITTLE CHANCE OF PROSECUTION OR SCOT FREE?

You should become a spokesperson for the CAPV! It is very frightening that police seem to think that they are a law



unto themselves, and are able, if they wish, to intrude into every facet of our everyday lives. Everything to missing your bus because the cops decided you look suspicious (loitering-at a bus stop?!), being pulled up on the street because you look a little bit out of the ordinary (you just knew you should have worn that three piece suit this morning) , to being bashed in the watchhouse, without even being charged with an offence. (A couple of years back, a families home was raided by a special tactical response group and all the inhabitants, including children, were told to lie face down on the floor, while guns were pointed at the back of their heads. Sometime later, police realised they had the wrong address. It was weeks before an apology was forthcoming, and then only as a result of pressure from the media. There was no compensation ever received for the mental anguish experienced by the parents or their children. And then there was the case of mistaken identity, when a man lost half his face due to trigger happy cop-this time though compensation was paid).
It's all about police abusing their power because they can. Numerous cases have been reported where police have walked free from the courts after committing crimes which would have seen your average person spending a bit of a stretch in jail. (Two particular cases come to mind: Mostafa Shehab, drug squad officer, who in December 1993, walked free from a Brisbane court after being convicted on 3 counts of armed robbery and 8 counts of car theft. He received only a 5 year suspended sentence because he had turned to heroin, and jail would have been too traumatic an experience for an ex-police officer.

Police 'fired into crowd'

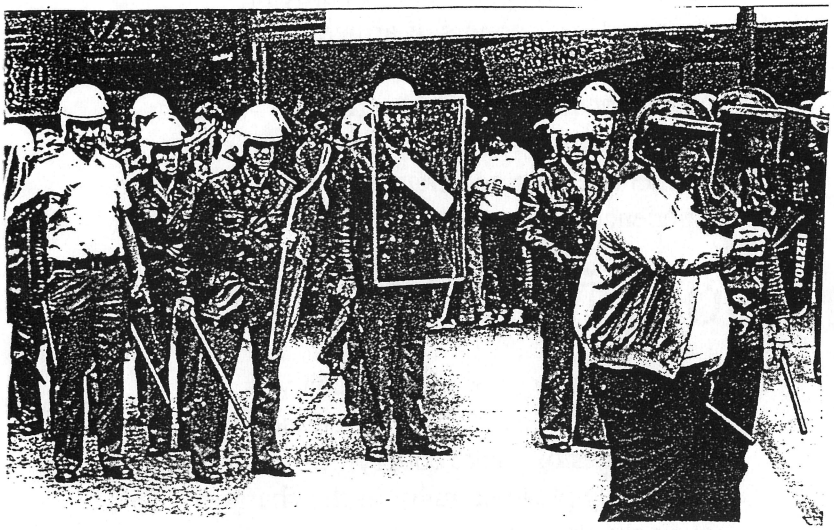
Unfortunately poor old Mustafa was busted eight hours after his release, on six charges of bank robbery. Ooops! He eventually pleaded guilty to the charges, but only after trying to abscond on his second granting of bail and being recaptured. Secondly, the case of the Gold Coast sergeant charged with 19 offences, including rape and deprivation of liberty, indecent and aggravated assault, relating to the sexual attack and torture of two women, in two separate incidents.....he was given bail and his anominity preserved)
Technically, cops are supposed to maintain the peace and apprehend people they believe to be breaking (or have broken) the law, and report this to the courts, who decide on the suspects' guilt. So how can they feel they have the right to treat anyone they deal with as second

class citizens? And if someone is found guilty, where is it written that police have any right to dish out any form of 'justice'? We could go on for pages about police abuse, their power and why that is so scary, but basically the answer to your question is YES!!!

DO YOU THINK THE AMOUNT OF POLICE PROTECTION ENCOURAGES THIS ABUSE OF POWER?

A PHOTOGRAPHER was charged with assault after two police officers claimed the flash of his camera temporarily blinded them.

Definitely. Police protection is the main reason police get away with harassment, murder and everything in between.....and continue to so. You know what they say...'When you're on to a good thing, stick to it.' And it's not just the case of a few bad apples. Every cop who turns a blind eye is abusing their position in



power. It's like being friends with a nazi because they've never hurt you - not speaking out perpetuates the violence time and time again. The police union flatly denies there is a problem; the CJC passes on information to the police when a complaint is filed with them, and won't even consider a complaint made by a person who pleads guilty or is found guilty of an offence. So if you get your arm broken after being arrested for pissing in a public place, and admit your guilt on the offence in court, the CJC won't even consider your complaint and will usually put it down to reasonable force, irrespective of the circumstances which led to your arm being broken. It's almost as if the end justifies the means...as long as they rack up those brownie points.

We are aware of a complaint being processed by the CJC regarding an officer pulling a gun on a pet dog which was playing with a four year old child, and stating he would shoot the dog if it didn't stop barking. The CJC's response was that the action does not constitute misconduct and deserves no further action. All this without any explanation for their decision. The police protect their own, supported by a union which publicly and steadfastly denies police violence, and a corrupt CJC. Victims of police abuse really have no recourse in our present system.

Our experience in dealing with court cases has taught us that Magistrates will nearly always take the word of police over the rest of us, no matter how many allegations of police abuse are made. Your average cop must feel pretty invincible.

AS AN ACTIVE MOVEMENT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE HOPED TO ACHIEVED YEARS DOWN THE TRACK?

The fundamental aim of the CAPV is to change the structures in the police force government and society which presently allow police to violently abuse people. Some of the ways in which we hope to achieve this are:-

-by implementing an <u>independent</u> watchdog organisation; taking the prosecution of police out of the hands of the ombudsman and police internal investigations and creating ways in which citizens can prosecute police themselves.

-Further education of magistrates and judges as to the reality of extreme and widespread police violence.

Police shooting confession

-A complete overhaul of the education of police, with a minimum of three years professional training, focusing much more on social skills, with training to include human rights, conflict resolution, sociology and stress management..

-No further powers or new weapons to be granted to the police (including no capsicum spray) and the disarming of all but a small contigement of police.

-An end to the degrading practices of strip searching and urine testing.

-The establishment of centres in each capital city to provide immediate medical, legal and emotional assistance to victims of police violence.

-The establishment of citizen run remand centres for arrestees, rather than detaining them in police cells.

-The appointment of Human Rights Commissioners for each city and town, and that Commissioners have the power to enforce the human rights of all citizens in custody.

In the short term, we would like to see the abolition of police horses which are used as a weapon in crowd control situations, putting both the crowd and the horses at great risk to injury. We want the abolition of the requirement that abused persons inside the forced isolation of police cells have witnesses to their abuse. Evidence of injury sustained during custody should be sufficient to charge custodial police. Also police found guilty of violent assault be instantly dismissed from the force. We encourage hospitals and metropolitan ambulance brigades of each town to modify their record keeping so they can provide half-yearly figures of the number of people taken of people taken from police cells to hospitals, how long they were in the cells, their age, sex, nature of their injuries and the names of the police stations. Hospitals must not return victims of police violence back into the hands of the same police that had them hospitalised.

The CAPV supports legal aid for all those in need, not just those who have a chance of winning their case, and our priority at the moment is the establishment of a 1800 free call number providing a service for people in custody or in need of support or advice regarding police abuse. We realise this is going to be a long and difficult road and until it is acknowledged by those in power that police violence does exist, it will be hard to achieve all of these goals, but we will keep working to raise public awareness of the problem.

Police complaints studied

ONLY one police officer witness in 112 police brutality investigations supported the complainants' version of events, according to a Criminal Justice Commission report released yesterday.

Police Commissioner Jim O'Sullivan rejected claims that the figure meant a code of silence existed in the Queensland Police Service.

Nukes clash

TAIPEI: Anti-nuclear activists clashed with riot police here yesterday, hurling petrol bombs at a police vehicle and smashing through barbed-wire barricades as Parliament prepared to vote on whether to approve nuclear power programs.

Some 2000 protesters faced about 4000 police in riot gear outside Parliament and tried to push through to the nearby presidential palace.

7 police to face torture charges

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE CENSUS? DID YOU FILL IT OUT?

Well, our understanding of the census is that it is used for the purpose of deciding how much federal funding the states get for services provided to the population; hospitals, housing etc. Which is pretty amusing when you consider that those people not able to contribute to it are the homeless....we don't think the census deliverers call on parks or crawl under bridges do they? Basically it's a load of bollocks and most of the questions are

superfluous.....they're just being nosy. A 4ZZZ journalist did an interview with the Australian Bureau of Statistics and really hounded them as to why you had to give your name. We don't believe they need names, dates of birth, addresses, real estate agents etc. It's just an invasion of privacy. It was interesting to discover the number of people we knew who had been served with summonses for failure to vote following the census. It was up to each individual member of the CAPV to decide whether or not fill it out, and the majority of us decided not to. Some of us filled out question 1, saying we slept in the park that night , end of story. One member didn't get a form because the useless gits missed her flat altogether. The ABS admitted that as long as you filled out 7 questions from the first 11 on the form, that it would not be rejected by the computer, so what's the point of the rest of it anyway.....just a waste of paper.

WHAT EFFECT DOES THE STATISTICAL INFORMATION GAINED BY THE STATE VIA THE CENSUS, HAVE ON THE AMOUNT OF POLICE CONTROL IN AUSTRALIA?

Supposedly, police numbers are increased in accordance with population increases, which in itself is a good reason not to take part in it. Alex McNaughton from the ABS claimed that each census is shredded after entry into the computer and that names aren't even entered in. Even if this is true, police can get your address if they really want it. Social Security told one of our members, who is a single mother, that they wrongly believed she was in a de-facto relationship and wanted to prove it. This was regardless of wether they had her permission to do so or not. The CJC also somehow found the new address of a member to return evidence from a

Blood, spit and fears for police

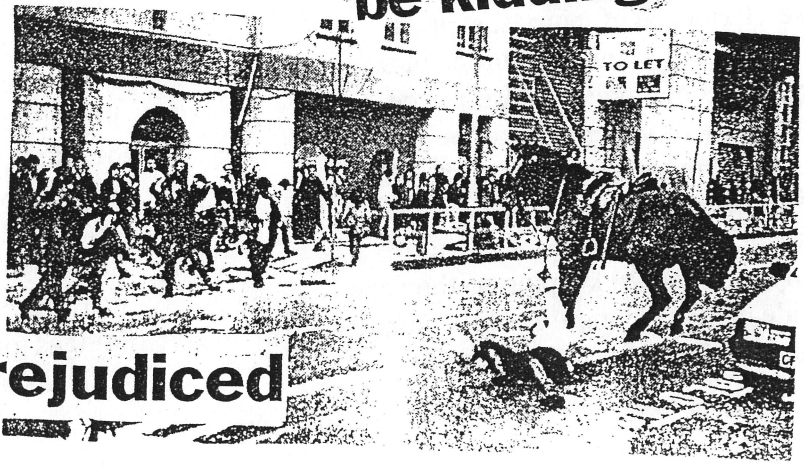
police brutality complaint. With or without the census, the police can find information from other government agencies who claim the details they gather are confidential. Why fill out the census and give them even more ammunition. The budget has just cut funding to a lot of areas that the census claims to be encouraging funding for, so we're not all that convinced about its good intentions.

DO YOU THINK ITS A REASONABLE ASK THAT THE RECENT GUN PROHIBITION LAWS SHOULD APPLY TO POLICE AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC?

The CAPV doesn't have a specific party line on any issue as we operate as a collective and each individual's opinion is equally valid. Regardless of wether or not you agree with gun prohibition, guns and police have proven to be a deadly mix in contemporary social history (just think Victoria 1991-1997...) and indeed Australia's history in general e.g. "dispersal" of the Aboriginal population in the 1850s).

Police injured

Rambos must be kidding!



Paradise for the prejudiced

DO YOU BELIEVE GUN PROHIBITION LIKE DRUG PROHIBITION WILL BE BIG BUSINESS FOR THE STATE?

In August this year, an ex-officer wrote to the Daily Telegraph Mirror stating that weapons handed over during amnesties had ended up in the private collections of some officers. We believe that any prohibition imposed by a government leads to corruption and more money for the state (which does not get spent on the citizens it claims to serve).

Basically we believe the police is a social experiment gone horribly wrong, and unless we, the public speak out against these injustices, things are only going to get worse. Don't be silenced by fear. Thanks for the interview.

Police crowd-control strategy

"If more people understood what police are doing in crowd control situations, police might be hurt"

- Crowds can be controlled by intimidation. Officers avoid resistance if they can intimidate members of the crowd. This is done with a show of force — a mass of officers looking big and tough.
- The crowd should be fractured and dispersed. Some people misbehave in crowds because they can remain anonymous. By breaking up crowds into smaller and smaller units, police cause people to begin behaving again as individuals rather than as members of a mass.
- Missile throwers must be kept moving. If people are throwing rocks or bottles, police try to make them flee by advancing on them rapidly. As long as they are moving, they can't throw at the police behind them.
- Police officers must work like a machine. Since the police are almost always outnumbered, they can regain the advantage only by being better organized than the crowd.
- Bullhorns are essential. Without a bullhorn to give commands, line integrity cannot be maintained. Commands cannot be heard without an amplified voice.
- An overhead command post must be established. The officer on the street can't get an overview of what is happening; someone in command has to get up high enough to do that.

Police 'justified in shooting attackers'

Call for more police

DEATH CORPORATION ON TRIAL

THESIS; The Mcdonald's corporation is a significant contributor to abuse of the environment and the species therein.

The topic of this report is on the environmental impacts caused by multi-companies, in this instance Mcdonald's. The reason Mcdonald's have been selected for investigation are that they are currently involved in a libel case against two unwaged London Greenpeace Supporters. This case has become known as 'Mclibel', now the longest running libel case in British history. Mcdonald's are suing Helen Steel and David Morris for distributing a six sided fact sheet produced by London Greenpeace, entitled '*Whats wrong with Mcdonalds?*'

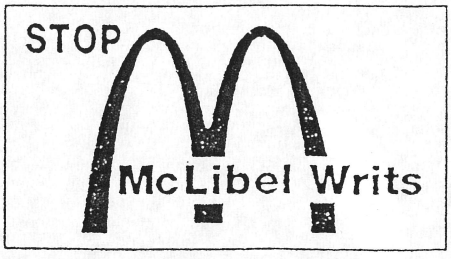
Mcdonald's is a 25 billion dollar a year corporation, the largest food retail outlet in the world.(D.Penman,Independant.) Steel and Morris have been denied legal aid and over 180 witnesses have testified in Court. The issues in the case, on which evidence has been given are as follows.

* The connection between multinational companies like Mcdonald's, cash crops and starvation in the third world.
* The responsibility of corporations such as Mcdonald's for damage to the environment, including destruction of rainforests.
* The wasteful and harmful effects of the mountains of packaging used by Mcdonald's and other companies.
* Mcdonald's promotion and sale of food with a low fibre, high fat, saturated fat, sodium and sugar content and the links between a diet of this type and the major degenerative diseases in western society, including heart disease and cancer.
* Mcdonald's exploitation of children by its use of advertisements and gimmicks to sell unhealthy products.
* The barbaric way that animals are reared and slaughtered to supply products for Mcdonald's.
* The lousy conditions that workers in the catering industry are forced to work under and the low wages paid by Mcdonald's. Mcdonald's hostility towards trade unions. (Mcspotlight, 1996)

This essay will focus on the issues of environmental impacts and the treatment of animals. It's worth noting that the defendants have taken out a counter claim against Mcdonald's. Mcdonald's have alleged that the defendants are 'liars' and their accusations untrue. The purpose of the libel law is not, as we are told, to uphold the truth, but rather to ensure that critics of wealthy people and powerful organisations are silenced, effectively corporate censorship. (Mclibel Support Campaign) Since Steel and Morris took the fight to Mcdonald's there have been reports from all over the globe about independent campaigns and actions against Mcdonald's. The Mclibel Support Campaign was also formed to generate solidarity and to help with costs associated with the trial. It's now three years later, a verdict is expected before June, 1997.

NUTRITION.

One of the topics raised in the libel trial deals with the issue of nutrition. This includes the notion of animal/human liberation and consequences of farming and deforestation. On



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the question of nutrition an internal Mcdonald's memo indicated their concerns with 'constant nutrition attacks' on the company. David Green, the corporation's Senior Vice President of Marketing, asserted that the company cared about public health, and stated: 'Mcdonald's food is nutritious and healthy'. When asked what the company meant by 'nutritious' he said 'provides nutrients and can be part of a healthy balanced diet'. He admitted this could be applied to a 'packet of sweets'. When asked if Coca Cola could be described as nutritious he replied that it was 'providing water and I think that's part of a balanced diet'. He agreed that by his definition Coke is nutritious.

The average Mcdonald's meal is high in fat, sugar, animal products and salt (sodium) and low in fibre, vitamins and minerals. This type of synthetic, mass produced 'food' could accurately be described as junk food, Mcdonald's prefer the phrase 'fast food'. It is a medically accepted fact that this type of diet is linked with cancers of the breast and bowel, heart disease and clogged arteries as well as rising rates of obesity.

The menu at Mcdonald's is based on meat, millions of burgers are sold in the world every day. This means the constant slaughter, day by day, of animals born and bred soley to be turned into Mcdonald's products. Some of them, particularly pigs and chickens spend their lives in the entirely artificial conditions of huge factory farms, with no access to air or sunshine and no freedom of movement. We have the choice of wether or not to eat meat, the millions of animals killed for food each year have no choice at all. In attempts to counter act infections in their animals farmers routinely inject them with doses of anti biotics. These, in addition to growth-promoting hormone drugs and pesticide residues in their feed, build up in animals tissues and can further damage the health of people on a meat based diet (London Greenpeace).

It has been shown that people on a meatless diet are healthier, less prone to coughs and colds, and with a greatly reduced risk of suffering from hernia, piles, obesity, heart disease and many cancers. (P.Cox,1992).

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS.

There are many environmental concerns, Mcdonald's is one of several giant corporations with investments in vast tracts of land in poor countries, particularly Central and South America. This has led to land being sold, evicting small farmers that live there growing food for their own people. This has led to the displacement of many people who move into old growth forests which in turn leads to land being cleared. Many 'third world' countries now export their staple crops as animal feed. Out of 40 of the worlds poorest countries 36 export food to the U.S.A, the wealthiest (Mclibel Support Group). Millions of acres of the best farmland is being used for our benefit, for tea, coffee, tabbacco etc. while people there are starving. Grain is fed to cattle in South American countries to produce the meat in Mcdonald's hamburgers. Cattle consume 10 times the amount of grain and soy that humans do. Meanwhile Mcdonald's have been enmeshed in controversy over its global promotion of beef consumption, it is the worlds largest user of beef. During the Mclibel trial Mcdonald's have admitted to importing Central American beef, usage of ex-rainforest land in Costa Rica, exports of Brazillian beef to the UK and Europe and acknowledgment of environmental damage caused by Brazilin beef farming. Not only has farming had a huge impact on the environment but so has the need for packaging. This has led to monoculture plantations replacing natural forests. These

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cannot match such forests in their bio-diversity, or in social, ecological, cultural or spiritual value. Therefore they cannot be described as 'sustainable' forests, as Mcdonald's claim. (T.Hopkins, forestry management and independent researcher).

PACKAGING.

Mcdonald's still use ozone damaging blowing agents (HCFCs) in their packaging in the Philippines, Turkey and Hong Kong, 15 years after they were banned in the US (R.Beavers, US Senior Vice President). In Britain, Paul Preston Mcdonald's UK President, asserted that polystyrene packaging is less environmentally damaging than using plates, knives and forks. In the UK and New Zealand a propaganda exercise called for customers to place polystyrene packaging in recycling bins. Mcdonald's admitted that despite the scheme continuing for several years the company did not recycle any waste and it was, in fact, dumped. Questioned on the environmental impact of paper versus polystyrene Mr Oakley (Chief Purchasing Officer) stated 'it was six of one and half a dozen of the other'. This, despite the fact that polystyrene is not biodegradable and takes up a lot of room in landfills.

The steps necessary to combat the damage caused by Mcdonald's and other multi-nationals could be things like- communicate with people and other groups concerned with social justice, environmental issues etc. Educate people, distribute information, boycott companies, protest or take direct action. (don't get caught!)

THIS ARTICALE WAS DONE AS PART OF MY WORK AT T.A.F.E. WHICH IS WHY ITS WRITTEN IN THE STYLE IT IS & WHY IT DOESN'T GO MORE IN DEPTH OR EXPLORE SOME OTHER POINTS RAISED IN THE TRIAL IT WAS PART OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE COURSE

CORPORATE DEATHBURGER

Ronald laughs as millions starve
And profits forever increase
Your stenching farts as they smile
They say they try to please
Plastic chairs and fake shakes
To help it all go down
Polluting your children with their lies
And trying to destroy your mind
Corporate Deathburger.Ronald
Mcdonald
Change from your five
Ankles deep in blood
Make it your career
Sell billions every year
Golden Arches Ronald Smiles
Ronald laughs as billions starve
And profits forever increase
Feeding all your grain to cows
Dead children rest in peace
The stench of human flesh rotting
Smells just like a fish fillet
Your sign neglects to mention
50 000 starved today
Corporate Deathburger. Ronald
Mcdonald.
Change from your five
Torture camp for cows
slaughter and starvation
From death corporation
You say you're Christian but
You're a fake
Multi nationals on the take
Starving kids deserve a break today.

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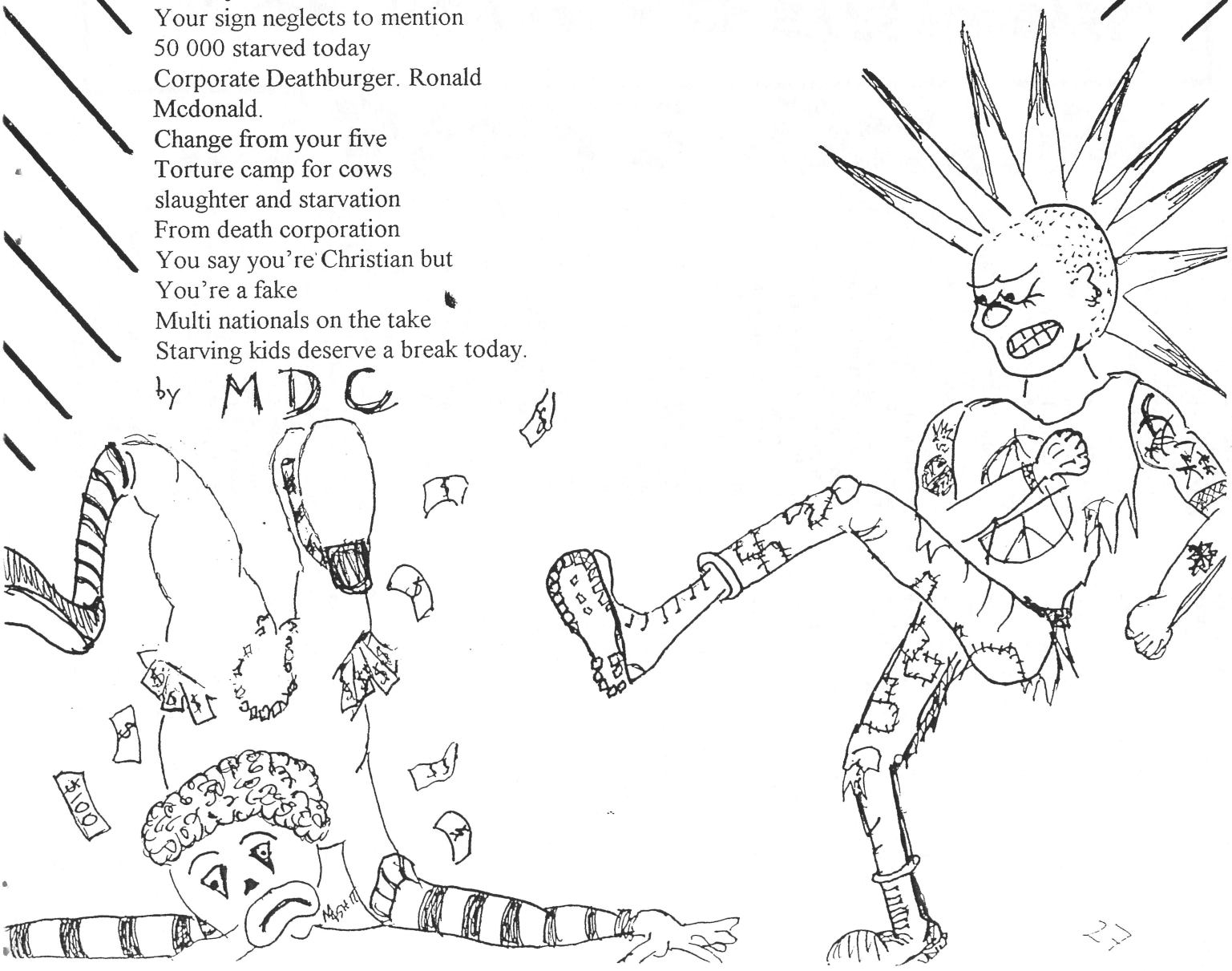

McLIBEL, the record-breaking High Court case pitting two virtually penniless "green" campaigners against the wealthy fast food giant McDonald's was truly a David and Goliath battle.

Except in this case, Goliath technically has won.

But the High Court's decision to award McDonald's – one of the world's most powerful corporations – $A120,000 in damages against penniless environmental activists Dave Morris and Helen Steel may prove a Pyrrhic victory.

McDonald's sued Mr Morris, 43, a former postman, and Ms Steel, 31, a former gardener, for libel after they distributed a leaflet in 1986 accusing the company of – among other things – lying to and poisoning its customers, causing starvation in Third World countries, raping the environment and treating its employees badly.

McDonald's yesterday said the decision vindicated them, but they would not pursue the pair for damages.

The chairman and chief executive officer of McDonald's Restaurants Ltd (UK), Paul Preston, said the decision represented a "thorough audit of our business" and that the judgment would reassure the company's workers and customers.

The multinational burger chain had felt compelled to sue to retain the faith of its millions of employees and customers, and hoped that by doing so it would effectively muzzle the world-wide protest campaign against its corporate culture and practices.

But the "McLibel" case has had the opposite effect, spreading the allegations far and wide to millions of people who would otherwise have remained ignorant of the leaflet.

Even more damaging to the $A30 billion burger chain, Mr Justice Bell's verdict found that while most of the allegations in the six-page "What's Wrong with McDonald's" leaflet were defamatory, the leaflet was true in three respects:

- McDonald's advertising exploited children, or in his words tible young children to bring in custom";
- McDonald's workers were underpaid and thereby helped depress wages for catering trade workers throughout Britain; and
- McDonald's was culpably responsible for cruel practices in the rearing and slaughter of some of the animals used to produce its products.

Despite finding against Mr Morris and Ms Steel on almost all counts – and rejecting their counterclaim that they had been libelled in McDonald's action against the leaflet – Mr Justice Bell interestingly did not put an injunction on further distribution of the leaflet.

McDonald's issued writs against Mr Morris and Ms Steel and three other protesters in September 1990, expecting them to cave in and apologise in court rather than take on the might of a global corporation.

They were wrong. The other three protesters did apologise in court, but, to McDonald's astonishment, Mr Morris and Ms Steel chose to fight.

The case consumed their lives.

The pair met through London Greenpeace (which has no relation to Greenpeace International), which co-ordinated the anti-McDonald's campaign.

Their combined income was no more than $15,000 a year, but supporters raised $70,000.

Mr Morris and Ms Steel defended themselves during the two and a half year court battle, libel cases being ineligible for legal aid, while McDonald's hired Britain's top libel lawyers for a reputed $A13,000 a day.

The case eventually notched up a record 313 days by the time Mr Justice Bell finally adjourned it on December 13 last year and reserved his decision.

It took him six months to produce his three-volume, 800-page verdict, and more than two hours to read out a 45-page summary in court on Thursday.

McLIBEL UPDATE...

AGAINST ALL AUTHORITY destroy what destroys you CD don't know much about this band from the US but this CD rules. Similar to Operation Ivy except twice as pissed off. A lot of 'fuck you & fuck off' sing-a-longs. This band come complete with a horn section & plenty of skanking bits. Good stuff!(Paul)

AUS ROTTEN 'the system works for them' LP
This is a really good LP, ours came on red vinyl. Spot on anarcho political lyrics delivered with dual vocals. Fold out poster cover is cool. Comes with an excellent newspaper with articles on various political prisoners, mainly Indigenous Americans & black activists. Also vegetarianism, Food Not Bombs etc. In addition theres a 7" flexi spoken word piece 'war on the poor' by Mumia Abu-Jamal from death row. All up a brilliant DIY package.(Ben)

DREGS OF HUMANITY lessons never learnt 7"
from Dave Shadow $4+postage 32 Hampstead road West End 4101.
crust punk from Brisbane. Dual male\female vocals which is really effective, reminds me a tad of Nausea. Comes in foldout cover with a cool patch & sticker. Good local release & totally DIY. Lotsa work went into this-support the Australian underground(Ben)

MUTINY BODGY TATTS- CDEP
Mutiny at their best. Five cool folk tunes on this independent release. Well worth having- great band. (Ben).

WALSH STREET COP KILLERS enemies of Australia Cd another excellent debut from another Melbourne band. Johnno on vocals has been around for quite a while now & played in bands like Bastard Squad & Death Sentence. Very clear vocals with great punk-anarchistic lyrics. Also a couple written by Jason from Bastard Squad. The sound is fast & furious with some grindcore vocals chucked in for whatever reason.(Paul)

HEADCASE I feel good CD
Fuckin earburster debut from this Melbourne band. Toby shouts his way thru 9 awesome, angry hardcore songs. Good balance of humour & seriousness, with a couple of stinging attacks on the punk scene itself. As good as this Cd is it only captures half the energy & emotion that the band put out live. Buy this & support Aussie punk. Toby is a legend!(Paul)

DISKONTO a shattered society 7"
fast & furious Swedish band manage to blaze thru 9 tracks on this wee slab. The drumming is a highlight holding it all together. Nice.(Ben)

AUTONOMY a faction of mercy 7"
really good peace punk band from the States. Songs against racism, animal exploitation & war. The songs including female singer are especially cool. Nice fold out sleeve.(Ben)

AGROPHOBIC NOSEBLEED SIT 7"EP
What we have here are 30 tracks of insane, noisy powerviolence blast with vocals that would peel paint & some of the most manic drumming heard. With song titles like "I Smell Really Bad" & "The Alcoholic Pain" how can you go wrong- quality & quantity. Another great release from my fave label Bovine. (Mark).

H- BLOCK A VOICE IN THE CROWD-CDEP
The new EP from Melbourne's H-Block is no let down. H-Block play 77 style Britpunk in a Clash kinda way. The vocals are good'n whiney & the lyrics spot on. A total DIY effort this is as good as their album from last year (New Inventions). If you saw them with Conflict you know they also put on an energetic live show- great stuff. Support DiY (Mark).

PROFANE EXISTENCE # 29 & 30.
PE is a good zine. This one has the usual stuff-band interviews & regional reports, reviews etc. What makes this good is the letters, columns plus the articles from around the globe on socio-political activities. This one has info on anti-nuclear activists in Czech, squat in Brazil & various anti fascist news. Theres an added bonus this time round- a 7" flexi. Featured are 7 bands- 4 European & 3 American representing Skuld bands & PE bands. Its a really good show all up & at $3 or whatever it is, its recommended for sure.(Ben)

NO FATE volume 2 Double CD
world hard-core comp.
two cds' featuring 28 bands on each, from everywhere. Theres bands from Australia, Canada, Japan, Finland, Brazil, Sweden, Portugal.....etc. Mostly politically inspired hardcore theres a slew of differing styles. Works really well, packaged in a 7" book with info on each band. Definitely worth tracking down- I picked this up for $8!
401 Hongom, 2-36-2, Yatoi-Cho, Nakano, Tokyo Japan.(Ben)

BOUNCING SOULS maniacal laughter CD
second CD from these US boys. Nothing special or over the top about this band. Just lots of cool songs about drinking booze & hanging out with ya mates. The sound reminds me a bit of Rancid, so if thats your thing- get it!(Paul)

THE MYTH OF THE CLEAN KILL 7"
from PO box 751, Brunswick Lwr, Vic, 3056.
a really good release out of Melbourne. $5 post paid. Features Price of Silence, Human Error, Noisam, Insyte & Flycop. All the songs reflect the subject matter & this is well worth supporting. Comes in huge fold-out cover which includes Animal Lib info & vegan recipes. Nice one!(Ben)

NO OPPRESSION destroy what destroys you 7"
really good anarcho crust.. Well worded political lyrics, comes with an informative booklet. This band are from Portugal & the dual male\female vocals are good. Well worth it(Ben)

NEEDLESTICK welcome to planet work 7"
a really interesting 7" from Newcastle,UK. I like the variety in this bands music. Some of its really rowdy & some's somewhat melodic, its all really good! This also comes as a fold-out poster & includes inserts on the police & CJC plus some cool anti fascist stickers. All told this is great.(Ben)

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